



## CLINICAL PRACTICE DEFINITIONS

**Full-Time Clinical Practice.** Clinician works a minimum of 40 hours/week, for a minimum of 45 weeks/service year.

- All Health Professionals, except as noted below:

At least 32 hours/week are spent providing direct patient care or teaching at the approved service site(s). The remaining 8 hours/week are spent providing clinical services for patients or teaching at the approved site(s), providing clinical services in alternative settings (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters) as directed by the approved site(s), or performing practice-related administrative activities. Practice-related administrative activities shall not exceed a total of 8 hours/week. Teaching activities at the approved site(s) shall not exceed 8 hours/week, unless the teaching takes place in a HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center (see Program Guidance). Teaching activities in a Teaching Health Center shall not exceed 20 hours/week.

- Behavioral and Mental Health providers, OB/GYNs, Certified Nurse Midwives, Family Medicine Physicians who practice obstetrics on a regular basis, providers of geriatric services, and pediatric dentists:

At least 21 hours/week are spent providing direct patient care or teaching at the approved service site(s). The remaining 19 hours/week are spent providing clinical services for patients or teaching at the approved site(s), providing clinical services in alternative settings (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters) as directed by the approved site(s), or performing practice-related administrative activities. Practice-related administrative activities shall not exceed a total of 8 hours/week. Teaching activities at the approved site(s) shall not exceed 8 hours/week, unless the teaching takes place in a Teaching Health Center. Teaching activities in a Teaching Health Center shall not exceed 20 hours/week.

- For clinicians working in an approved inpatient Critical Access Hospital:

At least 16 hours/week must be spent providing direct patient care or teaching in the CAH-affiliated outpatient setting. The remaining 24 hours/week are spent providing clinical services for patients or teaching at the CAH or the CAH-affiliated outpatient setting, providing direct patient care at the CAH-affiliated skilled nursing facility or swing bed unit, or performing practice-related administrative activities. Practice-related administrative activities shall not exceed a total of 8 hours/week. Teaching activities at the approved site(s) shall not exceed 8 hours/week, unless the teaching takes place in a Teaching Health Center. Teaching activities in a Teaching Health Center shall not exceed 20 hours/week.

**Half-Time Clinical Practice.** Clinician works between 20 and 39 hours/week, for a minimum of 45 weeks/service year.

- All Health Professionals, except as noted below:

At least 16 hours/week are spent providing direct patient care at the approved service site(s). The remaining 4 hours/week are spent providing clinical services for patients or teaching at the approved site(s), providing clinical services in alternative settings (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters) as directed by the approved site(s), or performing practice-related administrative activities. Teaching and practice-related administrative activities shall not exceed a total of 4 hours/week.

- Behavioral and Mental Health providers, OB/GYNs, Certified Nurse Midwives, Family Medicine Physicians who practice obstetrics on a regular basis, providers of geriatric services, and pediatric dentists:

At least 11 hours/week are spent providing direct patient care at the approved service site(s). The remaining 9 hours/week are spent providing clinical services for patients or teaching at the approved site(s), providing clinical services in alternative settings (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters) as directed by the approved site(s), or performing practice-related administrative activities. Teaching and practice-related administrative activities shall not exceed a total of 4 hours/week.

- For clinicians working in an approved inpatient Critical Access Hospital:

At least 8 hours/week must be spent providing direct patient care or teaching in the CAH-affiliated outpatient setting. The remaining 12 hours/week are spent providing clinical services for patients or teaching at the CAH or the CAH-affiliated outpatient setting, providing clinical services at the CAH-affiliated skilled nursing facility or swing bed unit, or performing practice-related administrative activities. Teaching and practice-related administrative activities shall not exceed a total of 4 hours/week.